



## Trump's long shadow keeps 2024 hopefuls from Iowa State Fair



Fairgoers walk past a mural at the Iowa State Fair, Friday, Aug. 19, 2022, in Des Moines, Iowa. Associated Press

By THOMAS BEAUMONT  
DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Texas Sen. Ted Cruz raised the roasted turkey leg like a sword in his Iowa State Fair debut in 2014, the up-and-coming conservative joining a half-dozen other Republican presidential prospects in strolling the Grand Concourse. Four years later, almost as

many Democrats made the pilgrimage to the fair, including former U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro, who snaked his way past tables under the Iowa Pork Producer's tent at the annual Midwestern tribute to overindulgence. But as the 2022 fair entered its final weekend, the 2024

traffic was noticeably light. It speaks to the careful dance that potential presidential candidates are attempting as Democrats remain uncertain about President Joe Biden's political future and many Republicans avoid taking on former President Donald Trump.

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Several would-be GOP candidates have quietly made political inroads in the first-in-the-nation nominating state, but they've done so by campaigning with Iowa candidates, not by being so obvious as to stand on straw bales at a perennial stop for White House hopefuls. "There's a bit of a Trump effect going on. They are still coming here. But they know there needs to be that emphasis that they are here for Iowa Republican candidates," said Michael Bousset, a former top aide to Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds and now a Des Moines-area GOP state representative. "The fair is more in-your-face campaigning. If you're too over-eager, people might say, 'Whoa, President Trump is still the guy.'" That means the few who



**Former Vice President Mike Pence speaks to reporters during a visit to the Iowa State Fair, Friday, Aug. 19, 2022, in Des Moines, Iowa.**

**Associated Press**

entered the gates on Des Moines' working-class east side were doing so with little such concern. Mike Pence, Trump's estranged former vice president, visited the fair Friday, and Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a prominent Trump

critic, was there last week. A cowboy-boot-wearing Pence was escorted by seven-term Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, as have countless White House prospects over the years. The former vice president was careful, however,

to keep his political remarks focused on the November midterm election, when Grassley is on the ballot, and not on the 2024 presidential race. "It's an honor to be here at the Iowa State Fair with you," he told Grassley, with the politicians surrounded by dozens of news reporters and photographers in the shadow of the century-old brick grandstand. "Iowa and America need six more years of Chuck Grassley." Pence later got caught in a fast-developing thunderstorm, which soaked him and his entourage as they sought shelter under the Iowa Pork Producers tent. Undeterred, Pence waded through the damp crowds of fairgoers and even got in a few bites of one of the fair's signature hand-held caloric monstrosities. As hail pummeled the roof, Pence sampled a "picnic in a cup" — pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans and Fritos, topped with barbecue sauce and bacon. Politicians' food choices and attire at the Iowa State Fair are almost as important as the visits themselves. In 2003, Democrat John Kerry memorably ordered a strawberry smoothie, notable for an event known for its celebration of meat and deep-fried foods. In 2007, Republican Fred Thompson was mocked for sporting Gucci loafers, which stood out among the more common flip-flops and cowboy boots of attendees. Hogan more anonymously chowed down on a grilled pork chops — a rite of passage for any White House aspirant — as he meandered through the fair with Reynolds, his fellow governor. Despite the smiles and laughter they shared, the pair painted an awkward political picture. Reynolds, heavily favored to win reelection in November, is backed by Trump and is a devoted supporter of the former president. The dynamic reflects both the state GOP's pro-Trump lean but also the lurking liabilities for him. A majority of Iowa Republicans — 57% — said they hope Trump decides to run again for president in

2024, according to a July Des Moines Register/Mediacom Iowa Poll. One-third of respondents said they hope he doesn't. Trump has enjoyed his kingmaker status over the past few months, boosting his endorsed candidates to victory in primary elections ranging from top of the ticket to state legislature. And while he faces a number of swirling investigations, including scrutiny from a U.S. Department of Justice search of his Florida home for classified documents, aides say it's more a matter of when he announces his candidacy for president than whether he announces it. Kevin Holmes, a Republican from central Iowa, would "absolutely" consider supporting an alternative to Trump in the 2024 caucuses. "I'm just not happy with Trump's character," the 61-year-old retired police officer said while touring the fair with his wife. "He's alienated an awful lot of people. If there were a viable alternative, I wouldn't hesitate to get on board." While Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis — a common Trump alternative mentioned by Iowa Republicans — has steered clear of Iowa as he seeks reelection in November, others such as Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton, former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and others have visited Iowa this summer to campaign for Reynolds, Grassley and others. On Thursday, Cruz was in the northern Iowa summer resort town of Clear Lake, headlining a private fundraiser for Grassley. Cruz, who won the 2016 caucuses and campaigned deep into that primary season, said this month he would wait to see what Trump's plans were before he entertained a second presidential campaign. He also suggested a Trump candidacy would keep several prospects from entering the 2024 race. With that in mind, Cruz was in and out of Iowa in one day, avoiding the fair by 110 miles. □



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## Protesters demand Utah require clergy to report sex abuse

By SAM METZ

Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Survivors and faith leaders rallied Friday at the Utah State Capitol to demand change to a state law that exempts religious leaders from requirements that they report child sexual abuse brought to their attention in spiritual confessions.

"If we as a people, as churches and as a state are failing to protect our children, then we are failing," Lindsey Lundholm, the rally's organizer, told an audience of more than 100 in Salt Lake City that included survivors of abuse applauding while tears streamed down their faces.

Lundholm spoke of her firsthand experience of abuse growing up in Idaho as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a young girl and member of the faith widely known as the Mormon church, she said she told a local bishop about her abuse and instead of reporting it to law enforcement, the bishop guided her abuser to seek forgiveness from God.

Lundholm's story was one of many shared on the steps of the Capitol, which stands on a hill above the church headquarters and its Salt Lake Temple. Other women also shared their stories and read aloud written accounts collected for the demonstration, using them to demand lawmakers require clergy report abuse when it's confessed to them.

The rally comes two weeks



Protesters gather on the steps of the Utah State Capitol, at a rally to gain support for removing the clergy exemption from mandatory reporting in cases of abuse and neglect, on Friday, Aug. 19, 2022 in Salt Lake City.

Associated Press

after an Associated Press investigation found the church's abuse reporting system can be misused by church leaders to divert abuse accusations away from law enforcement and instead to church attorneys who may bury the problem, leaving victims in harm's way.

The AP story, based on sealed records and court cases filed in Arizona and West Virginia, uncovered a host of concerns that victims have raised about the helpline.

Those include how church officials have cited exemptions to mandatory reporting laws, so-called clergy-penitent privilege, as an excuse for not report-

ing abuse brought to their attention of children as young as 5 years old.

Since its publication, the church has criticized the story as flawed. In a statement this week, its representatives said the help line "has everything to do with protecting children and has nothing to do with cover-up," but did not dispute any of the story's facts.

Utah is among more than 20 states with similar laws that give reporting exceptions to clergy who receive information about child neglect or sexual abuse during spiritual confessions. The exemptions do not extend to therapists, doctors or any other adult known to offer confidential counsel.

In Arizona, church attorneys are attempting to use clergy-penitent privilege to limit what its officials have to answer questions about in a lawsuit that accuses them of conspiring to cover-up child sex abuse. A judge ruled this week that church officials had to answer questions.

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox and lawmakers from different faith backgrounds and both sides of the aisle have recently come out in support of changing the state law exempting clergy from mandatory reporting. But such a law could face an uphill battle in Utah, where the church commands sizeable cultural and political influence, counts an

estimated two-thirds of residents as members and relies on volunteers to serve as clergy members.

Rep. Angela Romero, a Democrat whose efforts to end the exemption stalled in 2020, said Friday that she remained committed to changing the law.

"I'm tired of making excuses for perpetrators," she said, noting that her push had recently won support from Latter-day Saint Republicans.

In addition to Romero and survivors, Friday's rally also included a rabbi and former Latter-day Saints bishop. Stuart Smith, the bishop, said clergy could benefit from clear abuse reporting guidelines.

"Such a requirement, codified in state law, may have the additional benefit of allowing the helpline for bishops now operated by the LDS church to better perform its stated purpose — which is to provide expertise and resources to help the victims of abuse," he said. □

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# Landlords try to stop rent control initiative in Florida

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — Ballots haven't even been printed yet, but already a group of landlords, apartment managers and real estate agents in Florida want to stop voters from deciding on a measure that would implement rent control for a year in the theme park hub that has been one of the fastest-growing metro areas in the U.S.

The Florida Apartment Association and the Florida Association of Realtors last week sued Orange County, Florida, in an attempt to invalidate a ballot initiative aimed at limiting how much landlords can increase rents. If passed by voters in the fall, it would be the first such measure in decades in the Sunshine State.

The associations say that Florida law prohibits rent control ordinances except in an emergency, and the current situation in the county that is home to Orlando doesn't rise to that standard. They also say that the ordinance could have the unintended consequence of making the



In this Monday, May 19, 2014 photo, swans swim in Lake Eola as the sun sets in Orlando, Fla. Associated Press

situation worse by discouraging the construction of new apartment buildings and other housing.

"It is adverse and antagonistic to the public interest and to the interests of the Plaintiffs and their members to allow the Rent-Control Ordinance to be placed on the ballot or enforced by Orange County where

the Ordinance is unlawful and invalid," the associations said in court papers.

Earlier this month, Orange County's Board of County Commissioners narrowly approved the rent control ordinance, which now goes to voters for approval in November. The ordinance limits rent increases in multiunit buildings to the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index. The

ordinance doesn't apply to luxury units, single family homes or vacation rentals. Violators of the ordinance could face fines of up to \$1,000 per day for a first violation, with fines not exceeding \$15,000 per offense. Landlords would be able to request an exception to the limits under certain conditions.

According to the measure passed by commissioners,

the asking-rent-per-unit in Orange County has grown from \$1,357 in 2020 to \$1,697 in 2021, the highest increase since 2006, and the county has a shortage of as many as 26,500 housing units.

"For years, renters have been asking this commission to do something about the upcoming emergency we are in right now," Stephanie Porta, a cofounder of the social justice group Florida Rising, said last month during a commission meeting. "Corporate landlords, real estate investors and developers are raising prices and making record profits while hardworking Orange County residents are priced out of their communities."

The city of Miami Beach in the 1960s and 1970s imposed rent control measures before the Florida law limiting them was passed. The Orange County ordinance would be the first such measure in the state in decades. Rent control measures have passed in California and Oregon, as well as in metro areas like St. Paul, Minnesota, and Portland, Oregon. □

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## Ford to appeal \$1.7 billion verdict in Georgia truck crash



In this Oct. 26, 2009 photo, the Ford logo is seen on the automaker's headquarters in Dearborn, Mich. Associated Press

By JEFF MARTIN  
Associated Press

**WOODSTOCK, Ga. (AP)** — Ford Motor Co. plans to appeal a \$1.7 billion verdict against the automaker after a pickup truck crash that claimed the lives of a Georgia couple, a com-

pany representative said Sunday.

Jurors in Gwinnett County, just northeast of Atlanta, returned the verdict late last week in the yearslong civil case involving what the plaintiffs' lawyers called dangerously defective

roofs on Ford pickup trucks, lawyer James Butler Jr. said Sunday.

Melvin and Voncile Hill were killed in April 2014 in the rollover wreck of their 2002 Ford F-250. Their children Kim and Adam Hill were the plaintiffs in the wrongful death case.

"While our sympathies go out to the Hill family, we do not believe the verdict is supported by the evidence, and we plan to appeal," Ford said in a statement to The Associated Press on Sunday.

Butler said he was stunned by evidence in the case.

"I used to buy Ford trucks," Butler said on Sunday. "I thought nobody would sell a truck with a roof this weak. The damn thing is useless in a wreck. You might as well drive a convertible." □



## Car blast kills daughter of Russian known as 'Putin's brain'

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The daughter of an influential Russian political theorist often referred to as "Putin's brain" was killed in a car bombing on the outskirts of Moscow, authorities said Sunday.

The Moscow branch of the Russian Investigative Committee said preliminary information indicated 29-year-old TV commentator Daria Dugina was killed by an explosive planted in the SUV she was driving Saturday night.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. But the bloodshed gave rise to suspicions that the intended target was her father, Alexander Dugin, a nationalist philosopher and writer. Dugin is a prominent proponent of the "Russian world" concept, a spiritual and political ideology that emphasizes traditional values, the restoration of Russia's power and the unity of all ethnic Russians throughout the world. He is also a vehement supporter of Russian President Vladimir Putin's move sending troops into Ukraine.

The explosion took place as his daughter was returning from a cultural festival she had attended with him. Russian media reports cited



In this handout photo taken from video released by Investigative Committee of Russia on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, investigators work on the site of explosion of a car driven by Daria Dugina outside Moscow.

Associated Press

witnesses as saying the SUV belonged to Dugin and that he had decided at the last minute to travel in another vehicle.

The car bombing, unusual for Moscow, is likely to aggravate tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

Denis Pushilin, president of the separatist Donetsk People's Republic, the pro-Moscow region that is a focus of Russia's fighting in Ukraine, blamed the blast on "terrorists of the Ukrainian regime, trying to kill Alexander Dugin."

Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, denied Ukrainian involve-

ment, saying, "We are not a criminal state, unlike Russia, and definitely not a terrorist state." Political analyst Abbas Gallyamov, a former speechwriter for Putin, called the attack "an act of intimidation" aimed at Kremlin loyalists.

To them, he said, "this is a symbolic act, demonstrating that hostilities have been confidently transferred to the territory of Russia, which means that this is no longer an abstract war that you watch on TV," he said. "This is already happening in Russia. Not only Crimea is being bombed, but terrorist attacks are already being carried out in

the Moscow region."

While Dugin's exact ties to Putin are unclear, the Kremlin frequently echoes rhetoric from his writings and appearances on Russian state TV. He helped popularize the "Novorossiya," or "New Russia" concept that Russia used to justify the 2014 annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and its support of separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine.

He promotes Russia as a country of piety, traditional values and authoritarian leadership, and disdains Western liberal values.

His daughter expressed similar views and had appeared as a commentator on the nationalist TV channel Tsargrad, where Dugin had served as chief editor. Dugina herself was sanctioned by the United States in March for her work as chief editor of United World International, a website that the U.S. described as a disinformation source. The sanctions announcement cited a United World article this year that contended Ukraine would "perish" if it were admitted to NATO.

Dugina, "like her father, has always been at the forefront of confrontation with the West," Tsargrad said Sunday. □

## Pope voices worry over bishop's detention in Nicaragua

By **FRANCES D'EMILIO**

**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — Pope Francis voiced worry Sunday about the situation in Nicaragua, where police detained several Roman Catholic clergy, including a bishop, critical of President Daniel Ortega's administration.

Calling for "open and sincere dialogue," the pontiff made his first public comment on the Friday raid of Matagalpa Bishop Rolando Alvarez's residence. The detention of him and an unknown number of priests came amid worsening tensions between the church and a government increasingly intolerant of dissent.

Francis told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square for his customary Sunday noon remarks

that he was closely following with "worry and sorrow" events in Nicaragua that involve "persons and institutions." He didn't mention the detentions.

"I would like to express my conviction and my hope that through means of open and sincere dialogue, one can still find the bases for respectful and peaceful co-existence," the pope said.

Before Friday's pre-dawn raid, Nicaraguan authorities had accused the bishop of "organizing violent groups" and inciting them "to carry out acts of hate against the population."

The National Police confirmed the detentions, saying the operation was carried out to allow "the citizenry and families of



Pope Francis addresses the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square at The Vatican, Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, during his traditional Sunday noon appearance.

Associated Press

Matagalpa to recover normalcy." It didn't cite specific charges.

"For several days, a positive communication from the Matagalpa diocese was awaited with a lot of patience, prudence and

sense of responsibility, that never materialized," the statement said. "With the continuation of the destabilizing and provocative activities, the aforementioned public order operation became necessary." □

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# Singapore to decriminalize gay sex, but will limit change

By EILEEN NG

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)** — Singapore announced Sunday it will decriminalize sex between men by repealing a colonial-era law while protecting the city-state's traditional norms and its definition of marriage.

During his speech at the annual National Day Rally, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said he believed it is the "right thing to do now" as most Singaporeans will now accept it.

"Private sexual behavior between consenting adults does not raise any law and order issue. There is no justification to prosecute people for it nor to make it a crime," Lee said. "This will bring the law into line with current social mores and I hope provide some relief to gay Singaporeans."

Lee vowed the repeal will be limited and not shake Singapore's traditional family and societal norms including how marriage is defined, what children are taught in schools, what is shown on television and general public conduct. He said the government will amend the constitution



Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong delivers a speech at a session of the International Conference on "The Future of Asia" in Tokyo Thursday, May 26, 2022.

Associated Press

to ensure that there can be no constitutional challenge to allow same-sex marriage.

"Even as we repeal Section 377A, we will uphold and safeguard the institution of marriage," Lee said. "We have to amend the Constitution to protect it. And we will do so. This will help us repeal Section 377A in a controlled and careful way."

Section 377A of the Penal Code was introduced under British colonial rule in the 1930s. British rule over the island ended in 1963 when Singapore became a state of Malaysia. It became independent two years later but retained the Penal Code, which made sex between men punishable by up to two years in jail. Since 2007 when Parliament last debated whether to repeal Section 377A, its position was to keep the law but not enforce it. But gay men say the law hangs over their heads and discriminates against them. Thousands of activists annually stage a rally in the city-state known as the

able by up to two years in jail. Since 2007 when Parliament last debated whether to repeal Section 377A, its position was to keep the law but not enforce it. But gay men say the law hangs over their heads and discriminates against them. Thousands of activists annually stage a rally in the city-state known as the

"Pink Dot" in support of the LGBTQ community.

Lee said he hopes the government's move will help reconcile and accommodate both the concerns of conservative religious groups and the desires of gay Singaporeans to be respected and accepted.

"All groups should exercise restraint, because that is the only way we can move forward as a nation together," he said. "I hope the new balance will enable Singapore to remain a tolerant and inclusive society for many years to come."

One of Lee's nephews, Li Huanwu, is gay. The son of Lee's estranged younger brother Lee Hsien Yang married his partner in South Africa in 2019. Li Huanwu has attended Pink Dot events with his partner and parents.

Other former British colonies still retain similar laws that criminalize sex between men, including neighboring Malaysia where a former deputy premier was jailed twice for sodomy. He was sentenced in 2000 and again in 2014, in cases that critics say were politically motivated. □

# Somali forces end hotel attack that left 21 dead, 117 hurt



Security forces and others walk in front of the damaged Hayat Hotel in the capital Mogadishu, Somalia Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022.

Associated Press

By OMAR FARUK  
Associated Press

**MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)** — Somali authorities on Sunday ended an attack by Islamic extremists that left 21 people dead and over 110 wounded when gunmen stormed a hotel in the capital.

It took Somali forces more

than 30 hours to contain the fighters who had stormed Mogadishu's Hayat Hotel on Friday evening in an assault that started with loud explosions. The attack is the first major terror attack in Mogadishu since Somalia's new leader, Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, took over in May.

The siege ended around midnight, police commissioner Abdi Hassan Hajar told reporters.

"During the attack, the security forces rescued many civilians trapped in the hotel, including women and children," he said.

Health Minister Dr. Ali Haji Adam reported 21 deaths and 117 people wounded, with at least 15 in critical condition. He noted that some victims may not have been brought to hospitals. The Islamic extremist group al-Shabab, which has ties with al-Qaida, claimed responsibility for the attack, the latest of its frequent attempts to strike places visited by government officials. Al-Shabab opposes the federal government and outside groups that support it. Al-Shabab remains the most lethal Islamic extremist group in Africa and the biggest threat to political

stability in the volatile Horn of Africa nation.

Police have not yet given a detailed explanation of how the attack unfolded and it remains unclear how many gunmen entered the hotel.

Ismail Abdi, the hotel's manager, told The Associated Press early Sunday that security forces were still working to clear the area. The sound of gunfire ended at 9 a.m. Onlookers gathered outside the gates of the badly damaged hotel on Sunday morning, surveying the scene.

Somalia's previous president, Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, avoided any major confrontation with al-Shabab. But Mohamud has said his government will take the offensive against the group's thousands of fighters, with the backing of returning U.S. forces.

Al-Shabab charged via its

Andalus radio station that the attack on the hotel was in response to Mohamud's assertion that he would eliminate the group from Somalia.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the attack, saying the U.N. supports the people of Somalia "in their fight against terrorism and their march towards peace."

Al-Shabab has seized even more territory in recent years, taking advantage of rifts among Somali security personnel as well as disagreements between the government seat in Mogadishu and regional states. Forced to retreat from Mogadishu in 2011, al-Shabab is slowly making a comeback from the rural areas to which it retreated, defying the presence of African Union peacekeepers as well as U.S. drone strikes targeting its fighters.







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# Centro di Control di Cacho with pilot project for microchipping

**ORANJESTAD – At the beginning of August, the Centro di Control di Cacho (Dog Control Center, CCC) announced an expansion to their opening hours, seeing positive developments. With the longer opening hours, more opportunity is given to those who wish to adopt a pet.**

During last week, Centro di Control di Cacho started with the pilot project of microchipping. With this, the hope is to contribute to increase the degree of adoption on Aruba. When a pet is adopted through

the Centro di Control di Cacho, there are requirements with which the new owner needs to comply, one of which is that they must microchip and sterilize the adopted pet, and bring proof of this within two months. This is to ensure that the owner will be adequately responsible for their pet.

Sterilizing pets when breeding is undesired, and microchipping a pet, helps to fight the problem of dogs (and cats) on the street. This is one of the main goals on which the Centro di Control

di Cacho is focusing. Currently, the pilot project is focused on microchipping, and applies this to the dogs that get adopted through the Centro di Control di Cacho, on the availability and evaluation of the government's veterinarian. The pilot project also serves as a proof phase for the system of digital registration, which is in the process of being launched and activated officially.

This project is still in the planning stages, seeing as how it is still in the process of having meetings between



stakeholders, veterinarians and NGOs. The Government of Aruba hopes to be able to launch the project with a national campaign in the following months. This will be communicated

through the official channels of the Government of Aruba, and also through the Facebook Page of the Centro di Control di Cacho.

## Changes in the law regarding single use plastic To make the process of importation easier

**Last week, minister of Finances, Xiomara Maduro, together with minister of Nature, Ursell Arends, met with the director of Customs and experts from the**

**Department of Nature and Environment, regarding the law forbidding single use plastic.**

In practice the enforce-

ment of this law has some points that make the work difficult for Customs, and this delays the process of importation.

For this reason, the Government of Aruba will present a change in the law to the Parliament, in order to provide more clarity on which are the plastic products

that are allowed to be imported, and which ones are considered single use plastics. Some of the changes that need to be made the law regarding single use plastic is the opportunity to make an objection. Also the process that Customs needs to go through in order to destroy the products confiscated needs to be stipulated.

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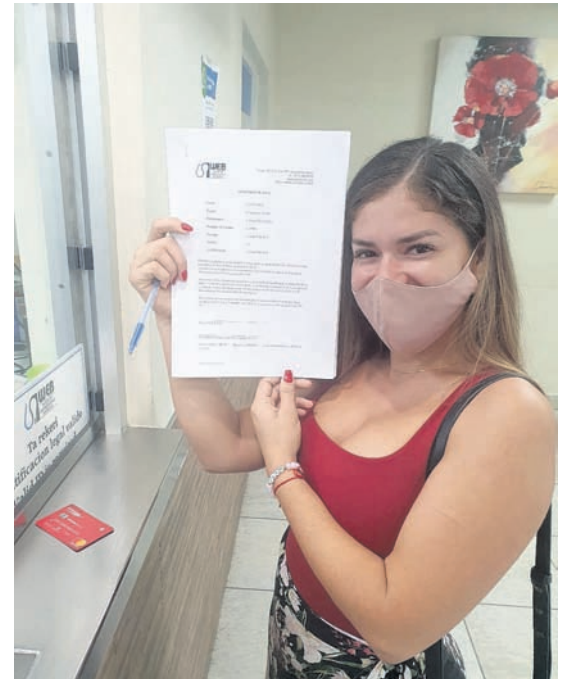
If you have decided to buy a house or rent one for vacation in Aruba and you are looking for that match, the question now is how to click with a person that offers a personal touch? One who pays genuine atten-

tion and has sincere interest in what you want? This different approach to real estate is what sets Aruba Living Today apart, and the reason Randolph calls himself a property mediator instead of a real estate broker. "The personal touch is essential to me. I am stepping aside of the image that real estate brokers are only in for the commission. This image does not fit me at all, I am in for my passion, and I can only do this from the heart."

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thentic Aruban house, welcoming you in a warm ambiance that emphasizes the philosophy of connecting. Candles, Buddha ornaments and a homey setting form the décor for you to sit and talk about your dream house or investment. "My goal was to do real estate in a different way when I established this company June 1st 2009. Not from the perspective of only selling, but to look for the perfect match between dream house and client. My philosophy is: it will only work when all involved are happy and connected by that personal touch."

Aruba Living Today caters for both local and foreign market divided into 40 % local buyers and 60 % foreign buyers. "Our customers come from Holland, Belgium, Norway, Germany, UK, Russia, Latin America, United States and Canada. We are widely covered and thus provable good with different cultures, also we speak four languages." Besides that, Aruba Living Today is open to every budget, they have listings for all category buyers. As a member of the Aruban Real Estate Association, they are listed also on the website [www.arubalisting.com](http://www.arubalisting.com) within a group of 20 of the most advanced realtors on the island. Aruba Living Today is featured on House Hunters, social media, Aruba Living Today and of course in Aruba Today's newspaper. □

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## Aruba Innovation Summit 2022

**ORANJESTAD** - After two years, FUTURA and its collaborators are back with another edition of the Aruba Innovation Summit, The New Era of Reinvention, to be held on August 31, 2022, at the Renaissance Convention Center.

The theme of Reinvention inspires everyone to use their abilities to reinvent themselves. This transformative conference will allow participants to receive tips and valuable knowledge and general ideas, redefine what is possible, and be up to date with the latest trends.

The 3rd Edition of the Innovation Summit will have local and international speakers from different industries with ample experience in innovation. It allows participants to expand their network, be part of discussions and interactive sessions and receive tips

and knowledge on how to reinvent themselves and their career, organization, or business.

The first speaker is Mr. Roger Osorio, an expert in reinvention and the author of The journey to Reinvention: How to build a Life in alignment with your values, passion, and purpose. Mr. Osorio is the founder of The School of Reinvention and a professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Roger has worked with thousands of people worldwide who have started their journey of reinvention. During Innovation Summit, Roger will be sharing his insights and actionable steps that you can take as you embark on your journey towards life, career, or business aligned with your values, passion, and purpose.

Danilo Weiner will be another keynote speaker at

the upcoming Innovation Summit! Danilo is a passionate innovator who believes in the power of creativity and innovation to impact every facet of our lives. As the Director of Product Innovation at Mastercard, Danilo is leading efforts to reimagine what is possible across the company's entire suite of solutions, including Mastercard's Labs as a Service (LaaS) capability.

He will be sharing his thoughts on what it takes to create new products and services that benefit both customers and businesses, as well as his insight on how organizations can embrace reinvention to ensure their businesses stay relevant in the long term.

The last keynote speaker is Mrs. Rowena Marin.

A leader in innovation, Rowena is an author, trainer, and Global Agency Lead at Google in New York. Pas-

sionate about self-development, she leads a global training program on finding purpose and meaning. She believes in constantly challenging the status quo and gaining clarity on the true drivers behind an individual's desire to succeed.

In addition, Mrs. Marin will lead an interactive session with the participants.

The Innovation Summit will wrap up with local experts panel who also reinvented or have reinvented themselves, their careers, or organizations.

The Innovation Summit 2022: The New Era of Reinvention will start on August 31, 2022, from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm, followed by a Networking Event for participants.

General admission for participants is Afl. 175, and for students Afl. 75,-, and in-



cludes lunch, refreshments, coffee, and tea during the Summit.

For more information, schedule and tickets, please visit [www.arubainnovationsummit.com](http://www.arubainnovationsummit.com). Tickets can be purchased using Pay.aw or bank transfer. For group tickets or questions, send your email to Thessaly.Zimmerman@Futuralab.org.

FUTURA Lab is collaborating with different local and international organizations on innovative projects and initiatives to stimulate the innovation and knowledge capacity of the Aruban community. For additional information about FUTURA and the Innovation Summit, contact [hello@futuralab.org](mailto:hello@futuralab.org) and follow FUTURA on social media platforms. □

## Commander training for the Fire Department of Aruba

**Oranjestad** - Recently, the Minister of Justice and Social Affairs, Rocco Tjon, announced that after 15 years, the fire department will organize another commanding officer training for the personnel of the Fire Department at Station Tango.

Investment in personnel is a fundamental part of the Ministry of Justice and Social Affairs policy. It comprises the following training:

### Workplace supervisor training:

Certification of eight firemen as instructors after successful completion of the training in Curaçao;

The "crew B" training is in the second phase;

A new training for aspirants which will start soon

After 15 years, the Fire Department will now organize commanding officer training. The last one was in 2007. This training elevates the level of the personnel of the Fire Department, which is very important for the career of the Firemen. □





## Aruba's underwater wonderland

**ORANJESTAD** - Exploring the underwater wonders is something you should definitely do during your stay in Aruba. The underwater world has everything to offer that makes a snorkel trip so exceptional; an impressive, colorful sea life with exotic fishes, turtles and beautiful coral reef. The historic shipwrecks, located on the Aruban seabed are also worth a visit. Aruba is known for its white beach-

es and blue oceans, which means there are many fascinating under water spots, where you can take your snorkeling gear and we selected the top spots for you.

### Tres Trapi

Tres Trapi means tree steps in Papiamentu, Papiamentu is together with Dutch the official language spoken on Aruba. The beach is called Tres Trapi because

it is accessible by the tree steps carved into the rocks. Tres Trapi is a small rocky beach, located on the north-western side of the island, approximately 5 to 10 minute drive from Palm Beach. From the unique steps you can easily walk over the beach into the clear and turquoise blue ocean. While snorkeling you will encounter all kind of tropical fishes and sea stars. The kind of starfish you will find in the Aruban waters is the red cushion sea star. This is a starfish that is commonly found in the shallow waters of the Caribbean sea and if you are lucky during your snorkeling visit to Tres Trapi, you may come across one of the green sea turtles. Respect the animal, keep your distance and enjoy the view. Also remember; it is a once in a life time experience.

### Antilla shipwreck

Antilla is a 400-foot-long long ship, built in 1939 in Hamburg, Germany. Antilla came to Aruba, because it had to find a neutral port. When Germany invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, the crew decided to let their own ship sink, to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Dutch Navy. Antilla lies on its port-side in Malmok bay, and the sunken world war two ship is now one of Aruba's most popular snorkeling and dive spots. However, the ship wreck can only be



reached by boat. The ship is visible from the surface and during your snorkeling trip you be surrounded by hundreds of tropical fishes, but the ship wreck alone is already impressive enough.

### Baby Beach

Baby beach; a white beach, with a crystal blue ocean. The beach is located on the southern part of the island. On the way to the famous beach, you will drive through the old capital of Aruba, San Nicolas. The old Aruban culture can be still felt and experienced here, so do not hesitate to get out of your car and walk around for a while. Baby beach is a child friendly beach, since it is shallow and the water has a pleasant temperature. The name therefore fits well with the beach. Baby beach is an excellent beach for snorkeling, especially if you want to go with small children, because the water remains shallow and there are still many underwater wonders to see. In the ocean there is an area

marked until where it is recommended to snorkel and on the beach you will find different facilities. It is a perfect beach to spend your day snorkeling and relaxing.

### Mangel Halto

Mangel Halto beach is located in Savaneta, on the southern-west part of the island. The beach is different from the other beaches in Aruba; it is beach full of mangroves. You reach the beach by a bridge through the mangroves and then you will have several entrances to the sea. There are diverse spots where you can enjoy a perfect beach day, wooden stairs made to enter the water and a dock to sit on and enjoy the view. Mangel Halto is also worth a visit for the snorkeling experience. Inside the bay, the water is clear and you find many colorful fish. Outside the bay is a bit more challenging for beginners because of the wind and the waves, but the coral is alive and it is just like snorkel heaven. □





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## Club Kibrahacha 60+:

# “Despite of a lot of challenges, we were able to continue providing service and activities to our clients”

**ORANJESTAD – Club Kibrahacha 60+ is a centre that offers various activities and services to the dynamic 60+ group, so that they can work together on a long and healthy life. During a visit by our reporter, the club explained that despite having confronted a lot of challenges after the pandemic, they still managed to continue providing their services and continue with the activities they arrange for their clients.**

Jeffrey Matos, director of Club Kibrahacha, explained that since last year they are active again. They were active during the Covid period, but now in 2022 they started being more open and flexible with rules. “This brought growth back in the quality of the membership who come here, you can notice that a lot more people began coming this year”, Mr. Matos commented. This in turn makes the enthusiasm of our older persons also go up, after a time that was very confusing and a little bit scary during the pandemic.

Now they started back with their events, meetings and parties, naturally taking into account everything regarding the safety of each person. “It’s going well. We’ve done various health workshops, cuarta lessons, we expanded during

the year. Recently we just closed an agreement with Club Roy 50+, where our clients can go there to do their physical activities on their gym machines”, Mr. Matos explained. This is the kind of cooperation that the organization of Club Kibrahacha 60+ believes in, and that they want to keep promoting also because it is very important.

This foundation has 37 years of existence, and if one looks at the last census 2020, according to Mr. Matos, it shows indication of around 23,000 persons 60+ currently on Aruba. It is a large percentage in our society. “There you realized that the role of our foundation is becoming more and more important in our community, and the concept of what we’re doing – like providing transport to bring people from different neighborhoods and try to bring them out of loneliness. It is a stable organization, and you can see that there is a need for what we’re offering.”

Now that there is more flexibility to do activities, it can be noted that people are more enthusiastic, and they even got several new members. Recently before the summer they organized a cuarta concert that went really well, at the club itself, with great enthusiasm and which brought a lot of cheer. It’s

worth noting that a lot of men love practicing music, where before there was a limitation for men to partake in social activities for one reason or another, mostly they play domino but very few you find at other events, according to Mr. Matos. So this is a very positive sign, to start seeing more participation through the various types of different activities that they are now executing.

When our reporter entered the property to do the interview, right away they noticed that a lot of attention is being paid to the place, the ambience is calm and tranquil. During an interview with Kelsey Arends, policy officer at Club Kibrahacha, there was a group of clients playing domino who looked really happy. Kelsey is a young person doing a lot of good work recently at Club Kibrahacha, learning a lot, and adding her own knowledge in order to better the service provided to the customers. A young person with a lot of potential.

Currently there are around 200 active members. The pandemic did affect the financial situation of the foundation quite heavily, according to Mr. Matos. They have four streams of income, which are a government subsidy – around 40 percent of subsidy for all their

costs – as well as a member’s contribution. Rotary also provides help, and finally, fundraising. All these incomes were affected during the pandemic, and they had to try to spend less, adapt, and carry one. It will take around three years to reach the pre-pandemic level once again, according to Mr. Matos, but a lot of things had to be postponed, like maintenance, and some cuts also had to be made. But despite it all, they managed to keep afloat.

Matos concludes: “You cannot adapt the contribution by increasing the price, somewhere you need to create the income. Meaning what we did – is not the way going forward, however – but we reduced spending. This are just challenges that you find, like any organization, and I think we dealt with it in a positive way. We are not going to knock on the government’s door, or say we are stopping operations. I think we have a very humble team here. It’s more about the passion with which you work, for whom you are working. This was our focus, we did not focus on if there was money or not, we just carried on working. We went through it, and I think as a foundation, we can carry on.”





# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU SEE SOMEONE WITHOUT A SMILE TODAY, GIVE 'EM YOURS. — DOLLY PARTON

# IMF fees on war-torn countries closer to elimination



The logo of the International Monetary Fund is visible on their building, April 5, 2021, in Washington.

Associated Press

By FATIMA HUSSEIN

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The International Monetary Fund is facing pressure to reevaluate how it imposes fees on loans it disperses to needy countries like war-torn Ukraine — which is one of the fund's biggest borrowers.

The move comes as more countries will need to turn to the IMF, as food prices and inflation internationally continues to rise.

Surcharges are added fees on loans imposed on countries that are heavily indebted to the IMF.

Treasury Deputy Secretary Wally Adeyemo said in Aspen last month that finance ministers of several countries realize they have to pay a price for Russia's war in Ukraine, especially with food prices going up.

"They're going to have to go to the IMF, they're going to need to find assistance," Adeyemo said.

However, the IMF fee system could change through U.S. legislation. An amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act, otherwise known as the defense spending bill, would suspend IMF surcharges while their effectiveness and burden on indebted countries is studied.

That was passed by the U.S. House in July. The Senate is expected to vote on its defense bill in September. A representative of the Senate Armed Services Committee said an amendment

may be offered in the next few weeks or even on the Senate floor.

As the largest IMF shareholder and member of the Fund's executive board, the U.S. can push for policy decisions and unilaterally veto some board decisions. Citing worsening financial crises in Sri Lanka and Pakistan as examples, some accuse China of engaging in debt trap diplomacy — or having countries fall so deeply in debt to that they are beholden to it on international issues.

Advocates and civil rights organizations lodge the same complaint against the Fund, who claim the organization undercuts its core lender-of-last-resort role with countries in vulnerable positions to pay back debt.

With an ever-worsening risk of a global debt crisis and rising interest rates, the issue has become more pressing for countries looking to reduce their deficits.

However, some economists and representatives of the fund say the surcharges amount to responsible lending behavior, as they provide an incentive for members with large outstanding balances to repay their loans promptly. This applies especially for countries that may otherwise may not be able to obtain financing from private lenders.

Maurice Obstfeld, a Berkeley economics professor and former IMF research

department director said as a lender of last resort, the Fund's ability to lend is important as low and middle income countries face rising interest rates.

"The Fund's staff is small and in a crisis, its efforts are better deployed serving member countries' needs," he said in an email to The Associated Press. "Surcharges could be relaxed temporarily in the face of intense pressures on borrowing countries, but at the expense of the Fund's ability to serve its membership in the longer term."

Illinois Congressman Jesús "Chuy" García, who offered the defense spending amendment, told The Associated Press "it is unfair for the IMF to require countries like Ukraine that are already deep in debt to pay surcharge fees. These surcharges increase poverty and hold back our global economic recovery."

Ukraine's projected real GDP is expected to decline by 35 percent, due in large part to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, according to IMF data.

The country, engaged in a war with no projected end, has an outstanding balance of 7.5 billion SDRs — an IMF accounting unit valued at around \$9.8 billion according to Ukrainian central bankers. The latest figures estimate that Ukraine will owe the IMF \$360 million in surcharges between 2021 and 2023.

Economists Joseph Stiglitz at Columbia University and Kevin P. Gallagher at Boston University wrote earlier this year that "forcing excessive repayments lowers the productive potential of the borrowing country, but also harms creditors" and requires borrowers "to pay more at exactly the moment when they are most squeezed from market access in any other form."

Serhiy Nikolaychuk, Deputy Chairman of the National Bank of Ukraine, said Ukraine is continuing to pay its debts "despite Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine." □



# Over-the-counter hearing aids expected this fall in U.S.

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**  
AP Health Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Millions of Americans will be able to buy hearing aids without a prescription later this fall, under a long-awaited rule finalized Tuesday. The regulation creates a new class of hearing aids that don't require a medical exam, a prescription and other specialty evaluations, the Food and Drug Administration said. That's expected to increase competition and eventually lower costs. The devices will be sold online or over-the-counter at pharmacies and other retail stores.

The devices are intended for adults with mild to moderate hearing problems. The FDA estimates that nearly 30 million adults could potentially benefit from a hearing aid, though only about one-fifth of people with hearing problems currently use one.

"Today's action by the FDA



Kim M. Smith, leader of the Utah Deaf Hospital Rights movement and president of the Utah Association of the Deaf, brushes her hair away from her hearing aid as she poses for a portrait Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, at Alta View Hospital in Sandy, Utah.

represents a significant milestone in making hearing aids more cost-effective and accessible," Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, told reporters Tuesday.

The FDA first proposed the rule last year and it will take effect in mid-October. The move follows years of

pressure from medical experts and consumer advocates to make the devices cheaper and easier to get. Cost is a big obstacle now. Americans can pay more than \$5,000 for a hearing aid, between the device and fitting services. Insurance coverage is limited and Medicare doesn't pay

for hearing aids, only diagnostic tests.

"The requirement to see a specialist was not only a burden and an annoyance for many consumers but it actually created a competitive barrier to entry," said Brian Deese, a White House economics adviser. Deese cited government estimates that Americans could eventually save as much as \$2,800 per pair. □



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# Q&A: Bardem is excited for U.S. arrival of 'The Good Boss'

By **SIGAL RATNER-ARIAS**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Javier Bardem is confident that audiences in America will enjoy "The Good Boss" as much as moviegoers in Spain when the film arrives in the U.S. later this month.

"When we were doing screenings in Los Angeles and New York and some other places in the states, when we were presenting the movie for the Oscars, the theaters were packed and people were laughing and having a great time and also, (gasp), holding their breath at the end when they understand what they were laughing about," Bardem said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

Fernando León de Aranoa's satire about corporate corruption opens August 26 in New York and Los Angeles before a nationwide roll-out that comes months after the film won six Goya Awards (Spain's equivalent to the Oscars) and was shortlisted to the Academy Award for best international feature film.

"I think the reaction is pretty much the same everywhere we went, in Spain and out of Spain, and that speaks volumes of the quality of the story and the movie and the character and the dialogues. So I expect them to have a great time, to laugh and see some of their own work experiences on screen."

In "The Good Boss" ("El Buen Patrón"), Bardem portrays Julio Blanco, the owner of an industrial scales manufacturing business that goes to great lengths to solve any problems from his workers in time while anxiously awaiting a visit by a committee that could give his company an award for excellence.

It's a very different character from Bardem's portrayal of Desi Arnaz in "Being the Ricardos," which earned him his fourth Oscar nomination earlier this year. The Spanish star won the Academy Award for best supporting actor in 2008 for "No Country for Old Men" and competed for best actor in 2001 and 2011 for "Before



This image released by Cohen Media Group shows Javier Bardem, center, in "The Good Boss," a film by Fernando León de Aranoa. This image released by Cohen Media Group shows Javier Bardem, center, in "The Good Boss," a film by Fernando León de Aranoa.

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Night Falls" and "Biutiful", respectively.

In a recent interview from Budapest, where he is filming the second installment of "Dune," Bardem spoke about "The Good Boss", his acting process, and the impact that fatherhood has had on his life. The actor and his wife, Academy Award-winner Penélope Cruz, have two children together: Leo, 11, and Luna, 9.

Remarks have been edited for brevity and clarity.

**AP: "The Good Boss" arrives in the US after the success of "Being the Ricardos." How did you go from one role to the other? What is your process?**

**BARDEM:** I guess the process is to really trust the good writing of the scriptwriters and follow their leads, follow what they've done so beautifully. In this case, we're talking about Aaron Sorkin and Fernando León, both extraordinarily talented directors and writers. So, there's a proposal there on the page, and you just go with the proposal because

there are steps beautifully put together by the writer that tells you where to go. On the other hand, I try to prepare the roles with my acting coach, Juan Carlos Corazza, who I work with since I was 20 years old and he's my friend and my mentor, he helps me a big deal to get to the place where I understand organically what a character is like.

**AP: The character of Julio Blanco, as you said in your acceptance speech at the Goya Awards earlier this year, has so many hues. How did you find his voice? Did you get inspired by someone in particular?**

**BARDEM:** You know, I was talking to the director and the speeches that (the character) does, because he does quite a few speeches, we thought if we do it with the normal kind of very in its place kind of voice, like the guy knows how to speak, he likes to give speeches, it will transcend to a place that we don't want to be. There must be something that really doesn't work and tells us that there is some-

thing that doesn't fit quite well with what he's saying. And at the same time, in my country, in Spain, we're used to that kind of energy, to that kind of profile of person that is very warm and fun and close, and at the same time is stealing your wallet. So that's what we tried to find in the voice.

**AP: In the movie, you also play a family man who discovers that the girl he just slept with is the daughter of a very good friend whom he hadn't seen since she was little. As a father, how did you take that scene, and how has being a father affected your approach to acting?**

**BARDEM:** Well, I cannot even think what would that be like if that was my daughter (laughs). But how does being a father affects me? In every way. It affects me in every way as a human being, and there's no way you can separate one from the other. It makes you more empathetic and more aware of your own faults and limitations, and also aware of somebody else's needs — not wishes

or desires, but needs. And you have to postpone your own needs for their needs, and that's a beautiful thing to do.

It's there, in that interaction, that you find the best of yourself. And I guess acting is the same thing. When you are on your own, you're too concentrated in your own belly button, thinking about what you want to do and what you want to become and what you want to make people understand. You lose track of what's the purpose of this job, which is to be in service of something bigger than yourself.

**AP: Have your children seen any of your movies?**

**BARDEM:** Now I'm making movies for them! I've done one with a crocodile in which I sing and dance, "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile", and I've done "The Little Mermaid" (both currently in post-production.) They've seen "Being the Ricardos!" They liked it a lot, although at times — they're young and there was a lot of bla-bla-bla, a wonderful blablabla by Aaron Sorkin — but well, when they saw me dance and sing they laughed because they saw me rehearse at home. And they have seen "Pirates" ("Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales"). Leo, my boy, has seen "Dune", and here I am, making movies that they can also see.

**AP: Over decades now, you've been widely recognized and awarded for your work. Is this something that still excites you, or are you used to it?**

**BARDEM:** More than excite, what surprises me is the fact that I'm still 53 years old and I'm still working, that I'm still making a living doing this, that they keep calling me and that, from time to time, they like what I do. That's a lot! It still surprises me in a real way, and I don't want it to stop surprising me, I don't want to stop caring about it. I want to keep trying to do my best and sometimes you have to remind yourself because you take things for granted that you shouldn't. □



# Sagging Yankees win for just 10th time in 30 games, top Jays

By **LARRY FLEISHER**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Andrew Benintendi hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh inning and the New York Yankees got a win they desperately needed, beating the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2 Sunday to avoid a four-game sweep. On the day Yankees general manager Brian Cashman was booed while the team retired the No. 21 of former star Paul O'Neill, the AL East leaders won for just the 10th time in 30 games since the All-Star break. They top the division by eight games over Toronto.

After New York's frustrations reached the point of ace Gerrit Cole punching the dugout roof twice and manager Aaron Boone pounding his hand on the podium during a post-game news conference Saturday, the Yankees' only qualms were with Toronto starter Alek Manoah.

In the fifth, Manoah plunked major league home run leader Aaron Judge in the left elbow with a sinker. Judge glanced at Manoah as Cole started yelling and a few other Yankees came over the dugout railing. Cole was intercepted by bench coach Carlos Mendoza before reaching the umpires. During the commotion, Judge and Manoah, who were teammates in the All-Star Game last month, appeared to diplomatically discuss the pitch. The Yankees came back quickly after Wandy Peralta walked ninth-place hitter Jackie Bradley Jr. to force in the tying run in the top of the seventh.

Jose Trevino beat third baseman Matt Chapman's off-balance throw for an infield hit and was sacrificed to second. Benintendi hit a long foul ball, then sent a slider from Adam Cimber (9-5) into the second deck in right field.

Benintendi, who also doubled, hit his fourth homer of the season. It was his first home run since June 20, more than a month before Kansas City traded him to New York.

Anthony Rizzo scored on a throwing error by Toronto

left fielder Lourdes Gurriel Jr in the first, and DJ LeMahieu hit a go-ahead RBI single in the fourth.

Whit Merrifield hit a bizarre home run in the Toronto fourth on a ball that twice bounced on the fence before going over. The Blue Jays had won four in a row. Lou Trivino (2-7) got the final seven outs.

New York starter Nestor Cortes allowed one run and three hits in six innings. He struck out five.

Manoah allowed two runs, one of them earned, and four hits in six innings.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

Blue Jays: OF/DH George Springer didn't start for the third straight game after fouling a ball off his knee while going 5 for 5 in Thursday. He singled as a pinch-



Retired New York Yankees player Paul O'Neill stands next to his number in Monument Park during a number retirement ceremony before a baseball game between the Yankees and the Toronto Blue Jays, Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, in New York.

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hitter in the seventh... LHP Tim Mayza (dislocated right shoulder) threw 10 pitches in his first rehab appearance for Triple-A Buffalo

Friday.

Yankees: OF/DH Giancarlo Stanton (left Achilles tendinitis) went 0 for 3 as the DH in his first rehab game

for Double-A Somerset on Saturday night and was expected to get three to five at-bats Sunday. Stanton will work out Monday afternoon in New York and face RHP Luis Severino (right lat strain) in live batting practice Tuesday but is unlikely to play in the Subway Series. ... RHP Clay Holmes (back) threw 10 pitches in a bullpen session, a day after playing catch for the first time since going on the IL Wednesday. ... LHP Zack Britton (left elbow) threw 18 pitches in a bullpen session Saturday at the team's spring training complex in Florida. ... RHP Albert Abreu (right elbow inflammation) was placed on the IL and RHP Luke Bard had his contract purchased from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. □

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## Pride of Ukraine: Usyk beats Joshua, keeps heavyweight belts

**KING ABDULLAH SPORTS CITY, Saudi Arabia (AP)**

— Oleksandr Usyk kissed the blue-and-yellow flag of Ukraine and looked to the Saudi Arabian sky as he waited to discover if he had honored his war-torn country by retaining his world heavyweight titles. When he heard the winning words "and still," an emotional Usyk raised his left arm and pulled the flag over his face.

Six months ago, he was patrolling the streets of Kyiv with an automatic rifle and defending Ukraine from the invading Russians.

Here, inside the ring at King Abdullah Sport City arena, the still-undefeated Usyk had lived up to his billing as the sporting pride of Ukraine by beating Anthony Joshua in a closely fought rematch on Saturday to keep his WBA, WBO and IBF belts.

"I devote this victory to my country, to my family, to my team, to all the military defending this country," the 35-year-old Usyk said through a translator. "Thank you very, very much."

After a grueling five-month training camp, Usyk entered the arena in a blue-and-yellow top carrying the words "Colors of Freedom" and supported by words of encouragement from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in his nightly video address to the nation.

"We stick together," the president said. "We help



**Britain's Anthony Joshua, right, takes a blow from Ukraine's Oleksandr Usyk during their world heavyweight title fight at King Abdullah Sports City in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022.**

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each other. We restore what was destroyed. We fight for all our people.

And we cheer for those who represent Ukraine, today — definitely for Usyk, our guy!"

And Usyk started as the favorite after outclassing Joshua in the first fight in London in September last year.

However, the British challenger, a former two-time champion, came into the

rematch with a new game plan from his new trainer Robert Garcia: Attack Usyk's body and keep the pressure on.

And it nearly worked, with Usyk taken to the limit in the ninth round as he was chased around the ring by Joshua, who landed combinations and targeted Usyk's ribs.

Usyk took a deep breath at the bell, then came out hard in the 10th round, hurt-

ing Joshua with an early right hook and forcing him onto the ropes for the first time in the fight.

The battering of Joshua was sustained in the 11th while the 12th was evenly fought, the fight ending with both fighters — clearly exhausted — falling to their knees in front of each other on the canvas.

They embraced and Joshua appeared to offer his help to the plight of Ukraine. Then, in an expletive-laden speech inside the ring after grabbing the microphone, Joshua — who moments earlier was seen picking up two of Usyk's belts and throwing them to the canvas — hit back at his critics before praising Usyk for fighting so well in the circumstances.

"I was studying Ukraine and all the champions from your amazing country," Joshua said. "I've never been there. What's happening there, I don't know but it's not nice. For Usyk to be champion, under those circumstances, please raise your hands."

Usyk was complimentary about Joshua, too.

"This is already history," he said. "Many generations are going to watch this fight, especially the round when someone tried to beat me hard. But I stood up to it and turned it in a different way."

Usyk also claimed the Ring Magazine belt with the win. There's only one heavyweight title that Usyk doesn't own — the WBC one that is about to be vacated by Tyson Fury, who says he is retired.

When asked about Fury, Usyk said: "I am sure Tyson Fury is not retired yet. I am sure Tyson Fury wants to fight me. If I'm not fighting Tyson Fury, I'm not fighting at all."

Two judges gave it to Usyk, one 115-113 and the other 116-112. The other gave the fight to Joshua, 115-113.

Joshua, a two-time heavyweight champion, fell to his third loss in 27 fights and his career is at a crossroads.

Where Usyk goes from now appears to depend on Fury.

Saudi state television published photographs showing Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman attending the fight. The 36-year-old son of King Salman, the crown prince has pushed for sporting events to come to the kingdom even as U.S. intelligence agencies believe he ordered the beheading and dismemberment of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi. □

